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1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered 8 **[15]**
 Not registered..... 1 **1**
 Not sure..... 1
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2. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?¹

	<u>12/95</u>	<u>11/95</u>	<u>10/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>6/95</u>	<u>4/21</u>	<u>4/3-</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>12/9</u>	
					<u>5</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>4/95</u>			<u>4</u>	
							<u>25/9</u>					
							<u>5</u>					
Right direction.....	30	25	26	27	27	27	33	32	32	40	34	[16]
Wrong track.....	50	57	54	50	51	51	45	50	47	42	47	
Mixed (VOL).....	14	12	15	17	16	15	15	12	13	12	13	
Not sure.....	6	6	5	6	6	7	7	6	8	6	6	
		<u>11/9/94</u>	<u>10/9</u>	<u>9/9</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>12/9</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>		
		<u>+</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>3</u>						
		37	27	28	32	35	27	47	15	34		
		42	55	57	50	42	56	27	71	48		
		12	14	11	12	16	10	14	9	13		
		9	4	4	6	7	7	12	5	5		

- 3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?¹

	<u>12/95</u>	<u>11/95</u>	<u>10/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>6/95</u>	<u>4/21-</u>	<u>4/3-</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>11/9/94</u>	
							<u>25/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>				<u>+</u>	
Approve.....	51	49	46	46	47	46	50	46	44	45	48	43	[17]
Disapprove.....	40	42	43	43	44	42	39	44	45	43	44	48	
Not sure.....	9	9	11	11	9	12	11	10	11	12	8	9	
	<u>11/4-</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>

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44	48	44	49	52	57	56	50	45	41	52	57	51
44	43	48	44	39	37	33	39	45	50	34	26	16
12	9	8	7	9	6	11	11	10	9	14	17	33

3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>12/95*</u>	<u>10/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>6/95</u>	<u>4/21- 25/95</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
Approve.....	47	42	42	48	43	52	43	50	46	44	[18]
Disapprove.....	43	46	47	42	48	39	46	38	46	47	
Not sure.....	10	12	11	10	9	9	11	12	8	9	
					<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	
					40	45	50	42	33	52	
					51	46	39	48	56	28	
					9	9	11	10	11	20	

3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?¹

	<u>12/95*</u>	<u>10/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>6/95</u>	<u>4/21- 25/95</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	46	42	42	37	39	46	37	50	44	45	32	[19]
Disapprove.....	44	45	45	48	46	41	47	38	45	46	60	
Not sure.....	10	13	13	15	15	13	16	12	11	9	8	
						<u>7/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	
						34	53	33	50	38	47	
						54	31	58	36	43	22	
						12	16	9	14	19	31	

3d. Looking ahead to next year's presidential election, do you feel Bill Clinton deserves to be reelected, or do you feel he does not deserve to be reelected?

Yes, deserves reelection.....	4	[20]
.....	3	
No, does not deserve reelection	4	
.....	5	
Not sure.....	1	
.....	2	

4a. And in general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?¹

	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>6/95</u>	<u>4/21- 25/95</u>	<u>4/3- 4/95</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	32	31	30	36	43	47	42	41	31	27	23	[21]
Disapprove.....	57	59	58	53	43	40	44	46	48	63	67	
Not sure.....	11	10	12	11	14	13	14	13	21	10	10	
		<u>7/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>4/92</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>10/90</u>
		28	34	33	29	24	27	27	+	+	+	+
		64	52	54	60	65	60	56	15	26	28	22
		8	14	13	11	11	13	17	78	62	63	69
									7	12	9	9

- 4b. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Newt Gingrich is doing as speaker of the House of Representatives?

	<u>12/95*</u>	<u>11/95</u>	<u>10/95</u>	<u>6/95</u>	<u>4/21- 25/95</u>	<u>4/3- 4/95</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	
Approve.....	32	27	35	39	45	40	37	32	[22]
Disapprove.....	56	60	46	35	36	41	43	26	
Not sure.....	12	13	19	26	19	19	20	42	

- 4c. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bob Dole is doing as Senate majority leader?

	<u>12/95*</u>	<u>4/21- 25/95</u>	
Approve.....	41	50	[23]
Disapprove.....	43	23	
Not sure.....	16	27	

5. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and institutions, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/Not Sure</u>	
Bill Clinton¹							[24]
December 1995.....	18	31	15	18	18	-	
October 1995.....	16	31	19	18	16	-	
September 1995.....	15	32	15	20	17	1	
July 1995.....	15	34	17	17	17	-	
June 1995.....	13	33	19	19	16	-	
April 21-25, 1995.....	19	30	19	17	15	-	
April 3-4, 1995.....	15	30	18	19	18	-	
March 1995.....	14	31	18	19	17	1	
January 1995.....	15	29	18	20	17	1	
December 1994.....	15	26	19	18	21	1	
October 1994.....	16	26	16	16	25	1	
September 1994.....	13	28	18	18	23	-	
June 1994.....	17	29	17	16	20	1	
December 1993.....	22	33	15	15	14	1	
June 1993.....	16	28	15	17	23	1	
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
May 1992.....	8	24	24	23	14	7	
Newt Gingrich							[25]
December 1995.....	9	18	16	18	33	6	
October 1995.....	9	19	21	17	26	8	
September 1995.....	8	19	19	16	27	11	
July 1995.....	11	18	19	17	25	10	
June 1995.....	10	17	18	17	21	17	
April 21-25, 1995.....	11	20	18	13	23	15	
April 3-4, 1995.....	9	18	20	14	25	14	
March 1995.....	10	17	17	17	24	15	
January 1995.....	9	19	20	13	18	21	
December 1994.....	6	13	17	13	19	32	
October 1994.....	3	8	14	7	9	59	
October 1990+.....	1	8	10	6	6	69	
Q.5 (cont'd)	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/Not Sure</u>	
Steve Forbes*							[26]
December 1995.....	2	10	24	5	3	56	
Richard Lugar*							[27]
December 1995.....	2	8	17	4	2	67	

Pat Buchanan**[28]**

December 1995*.....	5	16	24	16	22	17
February/March 1992.	5	21	23	18	16	17
January 1992.....	4	17	22	14	12	31
December 1991.....	3	15	18	8	9	47

Jesse Jackson**[29]**

December 1995*.....	6	20	24	20	26	4
October 1995.....	6	18	29	20	24	3
June 1995.....	7	22	31	19	17	4
March 1995.....	7	20	25	20	23	5
September 1994.....	8	18	28	21	20	5
July 1994.....	9	18	26	20	22	5
July 1992.....	5	17	25	21	29	3
May 1992.....	7	22	25	18	24	4
February 1992.....	8	21	23	20	24	4
October 1991.....	9	22	22	21	22	4
October 1990.....	12	25	24	17	18	4
March 1990.....	15	28	24	14	15	4
November 1989.....	15	30	23	16	13	3

[30]**Democratic Party**

December 1995.....	11	28	24	21	14	2
October 1995.....	13	24	27	21	12	3
April 3-4 1995.....	9	26	29	21	13	2
January 1995.....	11	27	27	19	13	3
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2
October 1994.....	13	23	25	20	17	2
June 1994.....	12	29	25	19	12	3
January 1994.....	11	29	29	17	11	3
October 1993.....	11	25	26	20	15	3
October 1992+	19	29	22	15	12	3
October 1991+	12	25	24	21	13	5
October 1990+	12	27	30	19	8	4

[31]**Colin Powell**

December 1995*.....	28	33	24	5	4	6
October 1995.....	21	33	28	6	2	10
September 1995.....	22	30	26	6	3	13
July 1995.....	23	31	22	5	3	16
June 1995.....	25	32	21	4	1	17
April 21-25, 1995.....	26	30	20	4	2	18
March 1995.....	28	30	22	4	1	15
September 1994.....	33	25	19	4	2	17
October 1993.....	35	30	15	4	1	15
September 1993.....	32	27	17	4	3	17
June 1993.....	37	27	13	4	2	17
May 1991+	37	30	14	3	2	14
March 1991+	43	28	8	2	1	18
February 1991+	46	22	8	2	1	21

Q.5 (cont'd)

Very Positive Somewhat Positive Neutral Somewhat Negative Very Negative Don't Know Name/Not Sure

Hillary Rodham Clinton**[32]**

December 1995*.....	19	27	19	12	21	2
September 1995.....	19	25	19	15	20	2
July 1995.....	16	27	21	14	20	2
June 1995.....	17	24	20	16	21	2
April 21-25, 1995.....	22	21	20	13	21	3
March 1995.....	14	26	22	14	22	2
January 1995.....	18	22	21	14	23	2
December 1994.....	17	23	19	16	23	2
October 1994.....	18	23	17	14	27	1
September 1994.....	15	24	19	15	24	3

July 1994.....	21	25	17	10	25	2	
December 1993.....	26	27	17	11	17	2	
June 1993.....	21	26	18	12	19	4	
January 1993.....	27	30	21	8	8	6	
The Republican Party							[33]
December 1995.....	12	28	22	19	17	2	
October 1995.....	12	28	24	17	17	2	
April 1995.....	15	29	25	15	14	2	
January 1995.....	17	33	25	13	9	3	
December 1994.....	17	31	22	14	13	3	
October 1994.....	14	27	26	16	14	3	
June 1994.....	10	27	27	18	14	4	
January 1994.....	12	30	29	16	9	4	
October 1993.....	16	28	27	15	11	3	
October 1992+.....	10	21	19	23	24	3	
October 1991+.....	12	32	21	17	14	4	
October 1990+.....	11	27	24	20	14	4	
Lamar Alexander							[34]
December 1995*.....	2	8	19	6	5	60	
March 1995.....	2	9	16	5	2	66	
Ross Perot¹							[35]
December 1995.....	7	19	24	21	25	4	
October 1995.....	8	19	29	21	20	3	
September 1995.....	9	17	28	21	22	3	
July 1995.....	5	16	26	26	24	3	
December 1994.....	8	22	24	18	25	3	
October 1994.....	8	17	25	18	30	2	
September 1994.....	5	14	29	23	24	5	
July 1994.....	8	18	26	21	24	3	
December 1993.....	7	16	19	24	30	4	
November 1993.....	11	17	21	20	27	4	
September 1993.....	12	24	26	19	16	3	
July 1993.....	13	24	25	17	17	4	
January 1993.....	16	26	24	16	14	4	
December 1992.....	13	22	27	18	15	5	
Q.5 (cont'd)	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/Not Sure</u>	
Phil Gramm							[36]
December 1995.....	6	15	22	14	12	31	
April 21-25, 1995.....	6	13	20	11	8	42	
March 1995.....	6	14	22	8	9	41	
December 1994.....	6	13	24	6	6	45	
Al Gore¹							[37]
September 1995*.....	12	30	25	17	13	3	
March 1995.....	13	29	28	15	12	3	
January 1995.....	12	27	29	17	10	5	
December 1994.....	17	27	24	16	12	4	
October 1994.....	14	26	27	15	14	4	
June 1994.....	16	24	28	13	11	8	
December 1993.....	18	29	25	13	10	5	
November 1993.....	21	31	22	13	11	2	
September 1993.....	17	30	24	12	12	5	
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
Bob Dole¹							[38]
December 1995.....	11	30	22	19	14	4	
October 1995.....	9	27	30	16	12	6	
September 1995.....	11	31	24	16	12	6	
July 1995.....	13	33	25	14	10	5	
June 1995.....	12	27	28	14	7	12	
April 21-25, 1995.....	14	30	25	13	10	8	

April 3-4, 1995.....	11	30	24	16	9	10
March 1995.....	17	34	21	11	9	8
January 1995.....	13	29	23	15	9	11
December 1994.....	16	31	21	14	10	8
October 1994.....	11	25	23	14	16	11
September 1994.....	14	24	24	13	12	13
July 1994.....	12	25	22	15	14	12
June 1994.....	11	26	26	12	12	13
January 1994.....	13	29	21	14	9	14
June 1993.....	15	25	24	12	10	14

- 6a. If the next election for president were held today, and Bill Clinton were running as the Democratic candidate, Bob Dole were the Republican candidate, and Ross Perot were an independent candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/95</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	
Bill Clinton.....	44	39	38	40	[39]
Bob Dole	31	33	34	35	
Ross Perot.....	16	18	19	17	
None/other (VOL).....	4	4	3	3	
Not sure ¹	5	6	6	5	

- 6b. If the next election for president were held today, (**ROTATE ORDER OF NAMES ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW**) and Bill Clinton were running as the Democratic candidate and Bob Dole were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>12/95</u>		<u>10/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>6/95</u>	<u>4/21- 25/95</u>	<u>3/95</u>	
Bill Clinton.....	50		46	46	45	43	45	41	[40]
Bob Dole.....	40	CONTINUE	39	40	43	42	43	48	
Neither/other (VOL)....	6	FORM A: SKIP	8	9	6	7	6	6	
Not sure ¹	4	FORM B: SKIP	7	5	6	8	6	5	
			<u>1/95</u>	<u>11/9/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>10/9</u>
				+					3
			41	39	45	41	46	48	45
			43	45	43	43	43	39	45
			8	5	6	9	4	7	NA
			8	11	6	7	7	6	10

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A CANDIDATE IN Q.6b.)

- 6c. Would you definitely vote for (**CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.6b**), probably vote for (**CANDIDATE**) but are still thinking about it, or are you just leaning toward voting for (**CANDIDATE**)?

	<u>Clinton</u>		<u>Dole</u>		
	<u>12/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>	
Definitely vote for candidate.....	55	48	40	36	[41]
Probably vote for candidate/still thinking about it.....	24	28	27	25	
Just leaning toward voting for candidate.....	19	22	32	32	
Not sure.....	2	2	1	7	

Combined results of Q.6b and 6c		
	<u>12/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>
Clinton Voters.....	50	46
Definitely vote for candidate.....	28	22
Probably vote for/Just leaning toward voting for/Not sure	22	24
Dole Voters.....	40	40
Definitely vote for candidate.....	16	14
Probably vote for/Just leaning toward voting for/Not sure	24	26
Undecided (Q.6a).....	10	14

- 6d. If the next election for president were held today, (**ROTATE ORDER OF NAMES ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW**) and Bill Clinton were running as the Democratic candidate, and Phil Gramm were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote? *

Bill Clinton.....	5	[42]
	3	
Phil Gramm.....	2	
	9	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	1	
	2	

- 6e. If the next election for president were held today, (**ROTATE ORDER OF NAMES ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW**) and Bill Clinton were running as the Democratic candidate and Lamar Alexander were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote? *

Bill Clinton.....	5	[43]
	3	
Lamar Alexander.....	2	
	3	
Neither/other (VOL).....	8	
Not sure.....	1	
	6	

- 6f. If Ross Perot's Reform Party nominates a presidential candidate who runs in addition to the Republican and Democratic nominees, how likely would you be to support this candidate -- almost certain, very likely, about 50-50, less than 50-50, or not likely?

Almost certain.....	3	[44]
Very likely	6	
About 50-50.....	2	
	4	
Less than 50-50.....	1	
	5	
Not likely.....	4	
	4	
Depends (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	2	

- 6g. When you think about the Republican Party today, what person comes to mind as its most important leader or spokesperson? **(DO NOT READ CHOICES. LET RESPONDENT VOLUNTEER.)**

George Bush.....	3	[256]
Bob Dole.....	33	
Newt Gingrich.....	22	
Ronald Reagan.....	3	
Pat Buchanan.....	-	
Phil Gramm.....	2	
Colin Powell.....	3	
Rush Limbaugh.....	2	
Other.....	4	
None (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	22	

- 7a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/ REPUBLICAN.")**

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly Independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat.....	2	{202}
	0	
Not very strong Democrat.....	1	SKIP TO Q.8.
	2	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly Independent.....	1	
	3	
Independent/lean Republican.....	1	CONTINUE
	0	
Not very strong Republican.....	1	
	2	
Strong Republican.....	1	

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Other.....	7	
Refused.....	-	SKIP TO Q.8.
Don't know/nothing.....	2	

- 7b. Let me read you a list of people who are seeking the 1996 Republican nomination for president. If you were voting today in the 1996 Republican primary for president, which **one** of the following candidates would you vote for? **(READ LIST. START WITH NAME MARKED WITH "X," READ DOWN, THEN RETURN TO TOP NAME. BE SURE TO READ ALL NAMES.)**

(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean? (ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.)

	<u>All</u>		<u>10/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>7/9</u>	<u>6/9</u>	<u>4/21- 25/9</u>	<u>3/9</u>	
	<u>12/9</u>				<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	
Lamar Alexander.....	4		2	2	3	3	2	5	[45]
Pat Buchanan.....	7		9	6	5	3	6	5	1
Bob Dole.....	55		56	53	52	58	58	60	
Steve Forbes.....	6	CONTINU E	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Phil Gramm.....	12		8	11	13	12	14	13	
Richard Lugar.....	4		3	2	3	2	3	4	
Someone else/none (VOL).....	4	SKIP TO	2	5	3	4	1	3	
Not sure.....	8	Q.8	9	9	8	10	9	8	

- 7c. Would you definitely vote for **(CANDIDATE NAMED IN Q.7b)**, probably vote for **(CANDIDATE)** but are still thinking about it, or are you just leaning toward voting for **(CANDIDATE)**?

	<u>Rep Dole</u>	<u>Gramm Voters</u>	
	<u>12/9</u>	<u>9/9</u>	<u>12/95</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	
Definitely vote for candidate.....	39	30	31 [46]
Probably vote for candidate/still thinking about it.....	34	36	40
Just leaning toward candidate.....	26	30	29
Not sure.....	1	4	-

8. In next year's election for U.S. Congress, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?

	<u>12/9</u>	<u>11/4</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	
	<u>5</u>	-							
		<u>5/94</u>							
Vote for the Republican candidate.....	34	40	39	33	31	30	29	34	[47]
Vote for the Democratic candidate.....	36	37	36	39	35	35	34	32	
Depends (VOL).....	17	6	6	9	14	14	21	21	
Other/neither (VOL).....	3	3	5	5	5	5	2	2	
Not sure.....	10	14	14	14	15	16	14	11	
	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>11/92</u>	<u>10/92</u>	<u>9/92</u>	<u>8/92</u>	<u>7/92</u>	<u>10/90</u>	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	
	29	31	35	29	32	29	31	33	

32	32	45	46	43	43	35	35
24	25	4	6	7	7	11	14
2	3	1	2	1	2	3	2
13	9	15	17	17	19	20	16

Now turning to some other topics...

- 9a. Would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off than you were four years ago?

	<u>12/9</u>	<u>9/9</u>	<u>7/9</u>	<u>5/9</u>	<u>4/9</u>	<u>2/9</u>	<u>1/9</u>	<u>12/9</u>	<u>10/9</u>	
	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
Better off.....	47	37	34	38	35	36	39	42	40	[48]
Worse off.....	26	40	42	39	43	41	40	39	37	
About the same (VOL).....	24	21	22	22	20	22	20	17	22	
Not sure.....	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	

- 9b. And would you say that the country is better off or worse off than it was four years ago?

Better off.....	35	[49]
Worse off.....	45]
About the same (VOL).....	14	
Not sure.....	6	

- 10a. I'd like to get your opinion about how things are going in some areas of our society today. For each one, please tell me if you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with conditions in this area. **(FOR EACH ITEM BELOW, ASK:) When it comes to (READ ITEM), are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with how things are going today? (ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.) ***

	<u>Very Satisfie</u> <u>d</u>	<u>Somewha</u> <u>t Satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Dissatisfie</u> <u>d</u>	<u>Very</u> <u>Dissatisfie</u> <u>d</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>Sure</u>	
Public education.....	7	29	31	30	3	[50]
Jobs and the economy	6	36	32	23	3	[51]
America's role in the world	10	42	28	15	5	[52]
Moral values.....	2	19	30	46	3	[53]
The political system.....	4	21	34	38	3	[54]
Keeping the country at peace.....	18	46	20	11	5	[55]
Safety from violent crime.....	3	15	29	51	2	[56]

- 10b. Please tell me which one of these statements comes closer to your point of view. **(READ STATEMENTS. ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)**

STATEMENT A: The social and economic problems that face America are mainly the result of a decline in moral values.

STATEMENT B: The social and economic problems that face America are mainly the result of financial pressures and strains on the family.

	<u>12/95</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>6/9</u>	
Statement A/problems result from decline in moral values.....	47	54	44	<u>3</u> 43	[57]
Statement B/problems result from financial pressures and strains on the family.....	40	34	46	45	
Some of both (VOL).....	10	9	7	9	
Neither (VOL).....	2	2	2	1	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	2	

- 10c. Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?

Government is trying to do too many things.....	6	[58]
	2	
Government should do more to solve problems.....	3	
	2	
Not sure.....	6	

- 10d. Some people think the government should do more to promote traditional values in our society. Others think that promoting values should be left to families and is not the government's job. Which comes closer to your own view?

Government should do more to promote traditional values.....	2	[59]
	1	
Promoting values is not the government's job.....	7	
	0	
Some of both (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	2	

- 11a. What would you say are the **two or three** most important issues or problems facing the nation today that you personally would like to see the federal government in Washington do something about? (**DO NOT READ CHOICES. ACCEPT NO MORE THAN THREE RESPONSES. BE SURE TO CLASSIFY PROPERLY. IF UNSURE, WRITE RESPONSES BELOW. IF "ECONOMY," PROBE FOR SPECIFICS.**) *

	<u>12/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>1/93</u>	
<u>ECONOMY</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>48</u>	
Economy generally.....	10	6	9	22	[60]
Farm problems, agriculture, drought.....	1	-	1	-	>
Inflation, prices.....	1	2	2	2	
Interest rates.....	1	-	-	1	
Jobs, unemployment.....	16	13	20	25	
New industry needed.....	1	-	1	1	
Trade, limit imports ¹	-	1	1	2	
Trade, expand exports ¹	-	NA	NA	NA	
Wages, better jobs.....	3	2	2	2	
<u>FOREIGN POLICY/DEFENSE</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	
Defense spending--cut defense budget.....	1	-	1	1	[61]
Defense--strengthen.....	1	2	2	1	>
Foreign aid--reduce.....	3	4	3	2	
Foreign policy.....	3	3	3	4	
War; keep peace; nuclear arms race.....	2	1	1	2	
Bosnia, Serbia, Yugoslavia.....	3	-	1	1	
<u>CRIME/DRUGS</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>13</u>	
Gun control--against.....	1	1	3	-	[62]
Gun control--for.....	2	2	5	1	>
TV violence.....	1	-	1	NA	
Crime, violence.....	33	30	33	9	
Drugs.....	8	7	11	6	
<u>TAXES/GOVERNMENT SPENDING</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>37</u>	
Budget deficit.....	13	13	7	24	[63]
Government waste, mismanagement.....	5	6	5	5	>
Taxes--too high.....	4	9	5	6	
Taxes--unfair.....	3	4	1	4	
Government spending.....	3	3	NA	NA	
Less government/interference in our lives.....	2	NA	NA	NA	
Q.11a* (cont'd)	<u>12/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>1/93</u>	

<u>SOCIAL PROGRAMS</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>	
Children, day care ²	2	1	1	2	[64]
Education, schools.....	24	13	14	14	>
Welfare, reform ³	12	25	6	3	
Homelessness, housing.....	5	9	13	13	
Poverty, social services ⁴	5	5	4	3	
AIDS.....	1	1	1	3	
Social Security, senior citizens.....	7	6	2	3	
<u>HEALTH CARE</u>⁵	<u>11</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>38</u>	
Cost.....	6	14	21	NA	[65]
Access.....	5	11	13	NA	>
Quality.....	3	5	6	NA	
<u>OTHER DOMESTIC PROBLEMS</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	
Abortion--pro-choice.....	1	1	1	4	[66]
Abortion--pro-life.....	2	3	2	5	>
Censorship, limiting free speech.....	1	-	1	1	
Morality, values.....	8	3	4	3	
Racism.....	3	2	2	1	
Environment, pollution, toxic wastes.....	2	2	2	3	
Government corruption.....	3	2	2	NA	
Other.....	4	5	3	2	
None/not sure.....	6	4	4	3	

- 11b. If you had a chance to send a message to the candidates for national office to tell them what they need to understand about getting your support next November, what would you tell them?

(PROBE:) What would you most like to tell the candidates that they need to hear? **[67-70]** *

Work for, care about people; do what is good for the people	10%
Be honest, keep your promises	8
Balance the budget; make balancing the budget your first priority	7
Take care of America first, pay attention to the problems of this country	7
Stay out of Bosnia	6
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Don't know; no response	18%

* Asked of one-half the respondents.

12a.

Please tell me which one of the following areas you think should be the most important domestic priority for the next president. **(READ LIST SLOWLY. START FROM BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)**

	Q.12a. Most Important	Combined First and Second Most Important	
Reducing crime.....	13	29	[71-72]
Creating jobs and economic growth.....	22	39	
Lowering the budget deficit.....	16	27	
Protecting Medicare and Social Security.....	14	28	
Restoring traditional moral values.....	8	17	
Improving education.....	17	37	
None of them (VOL).....	-	NA	
All of them (VOL).....	10	NA	
Not sure.....	-	NA	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY IN Q.12a.)

12b. And which of these areas should be the second most important priority **(READ ITEMS, EXCEPT THE ONE CHOSEN IN Q.12a. RECORD ABOVE UNDER Q.12b.)**

13. Which of the following best represents your views about abortion? **(READ CHOICES.)**

	<u>12/9</u> <u>5</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>7/90</u>	
1) The choice on abortion should be left up to the woman and her doctor.....	60	60	57	57	[73]
2) Abortion should be legal only in cases where pregnancy results from rape or incest, or when the life of the mother is at risk.....	28	31	36	33	
3) Abortion should be illegal in all circumstances.....	10	8	7	8	
Not sure.....	2	1	-	2	

14. Now, let me read you some specific issues. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither? **(REPEAT FOR EACH ITEM LISTED BELOW. ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS.)**

	Democrat c Party	Republica n Party	<u>Both</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dealing with the economy						[74]
December 1995.....	22	30	27	17	4	
June 1995.....	17	29	29	23	2	
October 1994.....	22	30	28	16	4	
July 1994.....	18	29	32	17	4	
June 1994.....	21	26	39	12	2	
October 1993.....	22	27	20	28	3	
March 1993.....	34	18	34	11	3	
July 1992+.....	26	18	35	18	3	
May 1992.....	29	23	26	17	5	
January 1992+.....	28	23	33	12	4	
October 1991+.....	27	28	26	14	5	
Having the right policies for the country						[75]
December 1995.....	27	30	23	14	6	
Q.14 (cont'd)	Democrat c Party	Republica n Party	<u>Both</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	

Looking out for the middle class**[76]**

December 1995.....	43	24	10	19	4
October 1994.....	37	28	11	20	4
October 1993.....	42	22	22	12	2
January 1992+.....	37	15	27	16	5
October 1991+.....	47	19	11	16	7
October 1990+.....	47	18	16	14	5
November 1989+.....	44	21	16	12	7

Protecting the environment***[77]**

December 1995.....	45	13	20	13	9
October 1993.....	44	15	13	22	6
July 1992+.....	38	11	27	18	6
October 1991+.....	39	16	24	12	9
October 1990+.....	38	15	27	13	7
November 1989+.....	36	15	25	14	10

Dealing with the issue of abortion***[78]**

December 1995.....	33	20	15	21	11
October 1994.....	31	24	12	20	13
October 1993.....	33	25	19	14	9
July 1992+.....	32	18	22	19	9
May 1992.....	33	20	14	17	16
April 1992+.....	34	19	19	17	11
February/March 1992+.....	31	20	20	17	12
October 1991+.....	36	22	14	15	13

Dealing with crime***[79]**

December 1995.....	20	27	27	20	6
June 1995.....	17	32	25	20	6
November 1994.....	14	25	34	19	8
October 1994.....	23	28	21	21	7
July 1994.....	18	26	33	19	4
May 1994.....	9	20	52	15	4
October 1993.....	20	27	22	24	7

Having new ideas to solve problems***[80]**

December 1995.....	22	26	21	24	7
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Dealing with taxes***[81]**

December 1995.....	26	34	14	20	6
June 1995.....	22	35	15	22	6
November 1994.....	23	36	16	17	8
October 1994.....	23	38	17	18	4
October 1993.....	23	34	16	23	4
July 1992+.....	29	20	20	25	6
May 1992.....	29	24	17	22	8
April 1992+.....	30	24	18	23	5
February/March 1992+.....	35	26	17	17	5
October 1991+.....	26	31	18	18	7

Q.14 (cont'd)

Democrati c Party	Republica n Party	Both	Neither	Not Sure
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Reforming the welfare system***[82]**

December 1995.....	31	35	13	16	5
June 1995.....	21	39	15	19	6
October 1994.....	28	31	12	21	8
July 1994.....	30	29	17	19	5

Protecting America's interests on trade issues***[83]**

December 1995.....	24	31	22	12	11
October 1994.....	22	37	21	11	9
July 1994.....	22	35	25	11	7
October 1993.....	20	39	13	20	8

July 1992+.....	23	32	24	15	6	
May 1992.....	24	32	21	12	11	
January 1992+.....	25	26	31	9	9	
October 1991+.....	22	36	21	10	11	
October 1990+.....	22	35	24	9	10	
Dealing with Medicare*						[84]
December 1995.....	44	24	13	13	6	
June 1995.....	33	22	18	19	8	
Dealing with Social Security*						[85]
December 1995.....	44	22	14	14	6	
June 1995.....	35	26	16	15	8	
November 1994.....	32	27	15	16	10	
Dealing with education*						[86]
December 1995.....	35	25	19	14	7	
June 1995.....	35	26	21	11	7	
October 1994.....	34	21	24	15	6	
October 1993.....	32	24	16	24	4	
July 1992+.....	42	17	25	12	4	
October 1991+ ¹	28	14	33	18	7	
October 1990+.....	33	15	30	14	8	
November 1989+.....	30	15	32	15	8	
Dealing with foreign policy*						[87]
December 1995.....	22	42	19	10	7	
June 1995.....	8	34	39	14	5	
October 1994.....	15	34	34	12	5	
July 1994.....	16	44	25	9	6	
October 1993.....	10	37	11	39	3	
July 1992+.....	15	48	24	7	6	
April 1992+.....	21	48	18	9	4	
February/March 1992+.....	16	48	22	7	7	
January 1992+.....	13	42	31	6	8	
Q.14 (cont'd)						
	Democrat	Republican	Both	Neither	Not	
	c	n			Sure	
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>				
Dealing with the problem of health care*						[88]
December 1995.....	43	22	13	16	6	
October 1994.....	37	25	12	20	6	
July 1994.....	37	21	18	18	6	
May 1994.....	26	17	38	15	4	
October 1993.....	44	16	16	18	6	
March 1993.....	57	9	17	12	5	
July 1992+.....	44	10	21	19	6	
April 1992+.....	48	12	17	18	5	
October 1991+.....	46	12	18	16	8	
Dealing with political campaign reform*						[89]
December 1995.....	20	19	18	29	14	
Controlling government spending*						[90]
December 1995.....	19	38	12	26	5	
October 1994.....	21	34	12	28	5	
October 1993.....	19	27	29	20	5	
Promoting strong moral values*						[91]
December 1995.....	19	31	20	26	4	
October 1994.....	20	38	19	17	6	
Ensuring a strong national defense*						[92]
December 1995.....	19	48	19	8	6	
October 1994.....	17	50	23	6	4	
October 1993.....	11	55	6	24	4	
November 1989+.....	15	51	21	5	8	

Now I have a few questions about the 1996 elections.....

- 15a. How much interest do you personally have in the 1996 presidential election -- a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little, or none at all?

A great deal of interest.....	38	[93]
Quite a bit of interest.....	27	1
Just some interest.....	23	
Very little interest.....	8	
No interest at all.....	3	
Not sure.....	1	

- 15b. And have you had a conversation with anyone in the past few weeks about the 1996 presidential election? *

Yes, have had a conversation...	4	[94]
	6	
No, have not had a	5	
conversation.....	4	
Not sure.....	-	

- 16a. In terms of his approach to the issues, do you think Bill Clinton tends to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
Liberal.....	38	44	[95]
Moderate.....	43	42	
Conservative.....	10	9	
Not sure.....	9	5	

- 16b. Now, I would like to read you a list of qualities by which a president might be judged. For each item, I would like you to tell me how you would rate Bill Clinton on that quality using a scale from one to five, on which a "5" means you would give him a very good rating, a "1" means you would give him a very poor rating, and a "3" means you would give him a mixed rating. You can use any number between one and five, depending on how strongly you feel.

(FOR EACH ITEM, ASK:) When it comes to (READ ITEM), how would you rate Bill Clinton, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating? (START FROM THE BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.) *

	<u>Very Good</u>		<u>Mixed</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>		<u>Not Sure</u>	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
His ethical and moral values							[96]
December 1995.....	16	21	32	12	18	1	
October 1995.....	16	24	31	13	15	1	
July 1995.....	12	20	32	14	21	1	
April 21-25, 1995.....	18	18	31	16	16	1	
January 1995.....	11	21	30	15	22	1	
October 1994.....	10	16	37	15	21	1	
May 1994.....	13	19	29	15	21	3	
January 1994.....	13	20	35	13	17	2	
October 1993.....	19	24	30	11	15	1	
January 1993.....	23	27	29	12	8	1	
Caring about average people							[97]
December 1995.....	24	28	27	10	11	-	
July 1995.....	27	23	23	13	13	1	
April 21-25, 1995.....	30	28	18	12	10	2	
January 1995.....	26	30	23	12	9	-	
Serving as commander-in-chief							[98]
December 1995.....	16	22	28	12	21	1	
October 1995.....	17	23	29	12	17	2	
July 1995.....	11	23	28	16	21	1	
April 21-25, 1995.....	15	22	31	16	15	1	
January 1995.....	12	22	34	14	17	1	
October 1994.....	15	22	26	16	20	1	
June 1994.....	12	19	34	14	20	1	
May 1994.....	13	19	37	13	17	1	
January 1994.....	17	23	29	13	16	2	
October 1993.....	14	18	32	16	19	1	
January 1993.....	20	23	39	8	8	2	
Having a vision for the country's future							[99]
December 1995.....	21	23	27	14	15	-	
Being effective and getting things done							[100]
December 1995.....	10	17	34	21	18	-	
Q.16b* (cont'd)	<u>Very Good</u>		<u>Mixed</u>		<u>Very Poor</u>		
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	

Telling the truth**[101]**

December 1995.....	10	18	30	14	25	3
October 1995.....	13	19	31	13	21	3
July 1995.....	9	18	30	16	25	2
April 21-25, 1995.....	14	16	29	19	20	2
January 1995.....	10	15	32	20	21	2
June 1994.....	9	17	28	16	27	3
May 1994.....	11	17	28	16	24	4

Being a strong leader**[102]**

December 1995.....	13	21	31	18	17	-
July 1995.....	12	21	29	19	19	-
April 21-25, 1995.....	15	20	30	19	15	1
January 1995.....	10	21	31	21	17	-

Being consistent and standing up for his beliefs**[103]**

December 1995.....	20	20	22	15	23	-
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Being likeable**[104]**

December 1995.....	28	31	23	9	8	1
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Having the right policies for the country**[105]**

December 1995.....	12	20	35	16	16	1
October 1995.....	15	23	30	16	14	2
July 1995.....	9	19	32	19	20	1
January 1995.....	10	20	37	17	15	1
October 1994.....	13	20	26	18	22	1
June 1994.....	13	23	28	17	17	2
May 1994.....	13	21	31	18	15	2
October 1993.....	7	18	37	17	19	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents.

- 16c. During the past year or so, do you think Bill Clinton's performance as president has improved, has gotten worse, or has not changed either way?

Has improved	4	[106]
	6	
Has gotten worse.....	1	
	2	
Has not changed either way.....	4	
	1	
Not sure.....	1	

- 16d. If Bill Clinton is reelected to a second term in office, do you think he will do a better job in his second term than in his first, will do a worse job, or will do about the same job?

Will do better.....	4	[107]
	3	
Will do worse.....	1	
	1	
Will do about the same job.....	4	
	3	
Not sure.....	3	

- 17a. I'm going to read some concerns that some people have about reelecting Bill Clinton as president in 1996. Please tell me which one, if any, most concerns you personally about reelecting Bill Clinton. **(READ LIST SLOWLY. START FROM BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)** *

	Q.17a. Primary Concern		Combined Primary and Secondary Concerns	
He is too much of a tax-and-spend liberal.....	11		18	[108-109]
He does not have the character and integrity to be president.....	7		15	
He does not provide good leadership on foreign policy and national defense	11		20	
Hillary Clinton has too much influence in his administration.	12		20	
He cannot be trusted to tell the truth.....	5		12	
You don't know where he stands, because he puts politics ahead of principle.....	22		36	
None of them (VOL).....	20	SKIP	NA	
All equal (VOL).....	9	TO	NA	
Not sure.....	3	Q.18a	NA	

* Asked of one-half the respondents.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A FIRST CONCERN IN Q.17a.)

- 17b. And which of these is your second greatest concern about Bill Clinton? **(READ ITEMS, EXCEPT THE ONE CHOSEN IN Q.17a. RECORD ABOVE UNDER Q.17b.)**

- 18a. In terms of his approach to the issues, do you think **Bob Dole** tends to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	1	[110]
	0	
Moderate.....	3	
	1	
Conservative.....	4	
	5	
Not sure.....	1	
	4	

- 18b. Now, I would like to read you a list of qualities by which a presidential candidate might be judged. For each item, I would like you to tell me how you would rate **Bob Dole** on that quality using a scale from one to five, on which a "5" means you would give him a very good rating, a "1" means you would give him a very poor rating, and a "3" means you would give him a mixed rating. You can use any number between one and five, depending on how strongly you feel.

(FOR EACH ITEM, ASK:) When it comes to (READ ITEM), how would you rate Bob Dole, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating? (START FROM THE BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

	Very Good		Mixed		Very Poor		Not Sure	
	5	4	3	2	1			
His ethical and moral values								[111]
December 1995.....	22	26	31	7	6		8	
April 21-25, 1995.....	30	23	26	6	6		9	

Caring about average people

December 1995.....	12	21	32	13	15	7	[112]
April 21-25, 1995.....	16	20	33	11	13	7	
Q.18b.* (cont'd)	<u>Very Good</u>		<u>Mixed</u>		<u>Very Poor</u>		
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Not Sure	

Having the right temperament

December 1995.....	12	23	31	15	11	8	[113]
April 21-25, 1995.....	14	23	33	11	11	8	

Having a vision for the country's future

December 1995.....	17	28	29	10	9	7	[114]
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Being effective and getting things done

December 1995.....	15	28	32	11	6	8	[115]
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Telling the truth

December 1995.....	15	18	31	13	12	11	[116]
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Being a strong leader

December 1995.....	20	32	26	8	7	7	[117]
April 21-25, 1995.....	27	26	27	7	6	7	

Being consistent and standing up for his beliefs

December 1995.....	24	31	23	9	7	6	[118]
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Being likeable

December 1995.....	14	22	31	12	15	6	[119]
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Having the right policies for the country

December 1995.....	11	19	37	14	11	8	[120]
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- 18c. Do you think the fact that Bob Dole will be seventy-three years old in 1996 makes him more able to handle the duties of the presidency, less able to handle the duties of the presidency, or do you think that his age makes no difference in his ability to handle the duties of the presidency?

	<u>12/95*</u>	<u>4/21- 25/95</u>	Ronald Reagan <u>2/84</u>	
More able to handle the presidency.....	3	3	4	[121]
Less able to handle the presidency.....	31	30	21	
Makes no difference.....	65	65	73	
Not sure.....	1	2	2	

- 18d. I'm going to read a few concerns that some people have about electing Bob Dole as president in 1996. Please tell me which one, if any, most concerns you personally about electing Bob Dole. **(READ LIST SLOWLY. START FROM BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)** *

	Q.18d. Primary Concern n		Combined Primary and Secondary Concerns	
He is too willing to cut Medicare and other programs that help people.....	22		36	[122-123]
He is too old to lead the country into the twenty-first century.....	7		14	
He is too much of a Washington insider to really bring change.....	13		25	
You don't know where he stands, because he puts politics ahead of principle	11		20	
His temperament is too harsh.....	5		12	
He puts the interests of business and the wealthy ahead of the middle class.....	20		38	
None of them (VOL)	11	SKIP	NA	
All equal (VOL).....	6	TO	NA	
Not sure.....	5	Q.19 a.	NA	

* Asked of one-half the respondents.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A FIRST CONCERN IN Q.18d.)

- 18e. And which of these is your second greatest concern about Bob Dole? **(READ ITEMS, EXCEPT THE ONE CHOSEN IN Q.18d. RECORD ABOVE UNDER Q.18e.)**

- 19a. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 1996 congressional elections--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u> 1	
Republicans.....	42	44	[124 1]
Democrats.....	41	38	
Both equal/neither in control (VOL).....	8	6	
Doesn't matter (VOL).....	4	5	
Not sure.....	5	7	

- 19b. In general, do you think it is better for the same political party to control both the Congress and the presidency, so they can work together more closely, or do you think it is better to have different political parties controlling the Congress and the presidency to prevent either one from going too far? *

	<u>12/95</u> *	<u>1/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>10/92</u> +	<u>9/92+</u>	
Better if same party controls Congress and the presidency.....	42	33	36	30	33	30	37	39	40	[125]
Better if different parties control Congress and the presidency.....	48	55	55	59	56	58	51	47	46	
Not sure.....	10	12	9	11	11	12	12	14	14	
		<u>8/92</u> +	<u>7/92</u> +	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>1/92</u> +	<u>10/91</u> +	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>1/90+</u>	<u>9/86+</u>	
		43	40	32	28	24	23	24	28	
		44	47	61	62	67	67	63	64	
		13	13	7	10	9	10	13	8	

- 19c. If the 1996 elections result in **(READ ITEM. ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)**, do you think this will be very positive, fairly positive, fairly negative, or very negative for the country?

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Fairly Positive</u>	<u>Fairly Negative</u> <u>e</u>	<u>Very Negative</u> <u>e</u>	<u>Mixed (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u> <u>e</u>	
A Democratic president and Democratic Congress.....	17	34	19	23	3	4	[126]
A Republican president and Democratic Congress.....	5	33	35	16	5	6	[127]
A Democratic president and Republican Congress.....	4	33	37	17	4	5	[128]
A Republican president and Republican Congress.....	21	27	19	28	2	3	[129]

Now I have some questions about Congress and the budget....

- 20a. From what you know, do you agree or disagree with most of what the Republicans in Congress are proposing to do?

	<u>12/95</u>	<u>11/95</u>	<u>10/95</u> 5	<u>9/95</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>3/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	
Agree.....	36	36	35	32	41	46	45	49	41	[130]
Disagree.....	46	49	45	45	39	39	35	22	28	
Both/mixed (VOL).....	8	8	9	13	10	8	10	9	6	
Not sure.....	10	7	11	10	10	7	10	20	25	

- 20b. How would you rate the overall performance and accomplishments of this year's Congress--one of the best, above average, average, below average, or one of the worst?

	<u>12/95*</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>10/91</u> +	<u>10/90</u> +	
One of the best.....	7	1	1	1	[131]
Above average.....	18	6	5	7	
Average.....	33	46	45	39	
Below average.....	24	28	32	32	
One of the worst.....	16	16	14	19	
Not sure.....	2	3	3	2	

- 21a. Which of these federal budgets would you prefer -- a budget that reduces taxes more, even if that means larger reductions in programs; or a budget that makes smaller reductions in programs, even if that means taxes are not reduced as much? *

Reduces taxes more.....	2	[132]
	9	
Makes smaller reductions.....	6	
	5	
Not sure.....	6	

- 21b. Here are some possible goals Congress could have in passing the budget. Please tell me which one you think is the most important goal for the budget. **(ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)***

	<u>12/95</u> Most Important	Combined First and Second Most Important	<u>11/95</u> 1	<u>9/95</u> 2	<u>6/95</u> 2	
Balancing the budget by the year 2002.....	18	28	30	18	22	[133]
Making sure the wealthy pay their fair share of taxes.....	20	34	24	28	32	134]
Reducing government spending.....	17	34	36	24	29	>
Protecting Medicare and Social Security.....	14	35	43	34	39	
Lowering taxes on the middle class.....	9	21	18	20	13	
Improving education.....	14	28	33	35	30	
None of them (VOL).....	-	NA	1	-	-	
All of them (VOL).....	7	NA	-	6	5	
Not sure.....	1	NA	2	-	-	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A MOST IMPORTANT GOAL IN Q.21b.)

- 21c. And which of these budget goals is the second most important **(READ ITEMS, EXCEPT THE ONE CHOSEN IN Q.21b. RECORD ABOVE UNDER Q.21c.)**

- 21d. From what you know, do you agree more with **(ROTATE ORDER)** Bill Clinton and the Democrats **OR** more with the Republicans in Congress on the issue of the federal budget?

	<u>12/95</u>	<u>11/95</u>	<u>9/95</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>6/95</u>	
Clinton and Democrats	44	49	38	38	38	[135]
Republicans in Congress.....	41	37	41	44	41	1
Both equal (VOL).....	4	4	5	4	4	
Not sure.....	11	10	16	14	17	

- 22a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the situation in Bosnia?

	<u>12/95*</u>	<u>6/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	
Approve.....	41	41	41	[136]
Disapprove.....	48	43	43	
Not sure.....	11	16	16	

- 22b. President Clinton has proposed that the U.S. send ground troops to Bosnia as part of a peacekeeping force that will supervise the peace agreement recently reached between the warring factions there. Do you think Congress should or should not vote to approve sending American ground troops for such an operation?

	<u>12/95*</u>	<u>10/95</u> 1	<u>3/93</u>	
Should vote to approve.....	43	30	41	[137]
Should not vote to approve.....	49	65	51	
Not sure.....	8	5	8	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1a. Thinking back on different elections in which you have been eligible to vote in the past few years, would you say you have voted in all of these elections, most of them, about half, or less than half of these elections?

Voted in all of them	4	{255}
	7	}
Voted in most of them.....	2	
	5	
Voted in about half of them	1	
	0	
Voted in less than half of them.....	1	
	4	
Not sure.....	4	

- F1b. Did you happen to vote in the 1992 presidential election?

(IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote--George Bush, the Republican, Bill Clinton, the Democrat, or Ross Perot, the Independent?

Yes, Voted

George Bush.....	3	{200}
	1	
Bill Clinton	3	
	6	
Ross Perot.....	1	
	1	
None (VOL)/not sure/refused.....	2	
<u>No, Did Not Vote</u>	1	
	7	
<u>Not Sure If Voted/Refused</u>	3	

- F1c. Thinking about the last few state and national elections in which you have voted, which best describes the candidates for whom you voted? **(READ LIST CAREFULLY. ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)**

Almost all Republicans.....	1	{251}
	2	
Mostly Republicans, but a few Democrats.....	2	
	0	
A few more Republicans than Democrats.....	7	
The same number of Republicans and Democrats.....	1	
	4	
A few more Democrats than Republicans.....	6	
Mostly Democrats, but a few Republicans.....	1	
	7	
Almost all Democrats.....	1	
	4	
Not sure.....	1	
	0	

- F2. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	5	{201}
Somewhat liberal.....	1	
	5	
Moderate.....	2	
	8	
Somewhat conservative.....	2	
	3	
Very conservative.....	1	
	1	
Views cannot be described in those	1	
terms.....	5	
Not sure.....	3	

- F3. What is the last grade you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ CHOICES.)**

Grade school.....	2	{203}
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	2	
	9	
Some college, no degree.....	2	
	0	
Vocational training, 2-year college.....	9	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	1	
	9	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years' postgraduate work, master's	8	
degree.....		
Doctoral degree/law degree.....	2	
Not sure.....	2	

- F4. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	1	{204}
	1	}
25-29.....	1	
	0	
30-34.....	1	
	1	
35-39.....	1	
	1	
40-44.....	1	
	1	
45-49.....	1	
	0	
50-54.....	7	
55-59.....	5	
60-64.....	5	
65 and over.....	1	
	7	
Refused.....	2	

- F5. What type of work do you do?

Professional/manager.....	2	{205}
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	7
White collar worker.....	1
	7
Blue collar worker.....	2
	1
Farmer.....	1
Student.....	4
Homemaker.....	8
Retired.....	1
	8
Unemployed.....	2
Never worked/not sure.....	2

F6. What is your marital status--are you single and never married, married, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Single.....	2	{220}
	4	
Married.....	5	
	7	
Separated.....	1	
Divorced.....	9	
Widowed.....	7	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F7a. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	5	CONTINU	{207}
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Catholic.....	3	SKIP TO	
	0	Q.F7c	
Jewish.....	3		
Other.....	4		
None.....	3		
Not sure/refused.....	4		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F7a)

F7b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Yes, fundamentalist/evangelical/both	17	{208}
No, neither fundamentalist or evangelical....	34	
Not sure.....	5	
Non-Protestants (Q.F7a).....	44	

(ASK EVERYONE.)

F7c. Would you say you go to religious services more than once a week, every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

More than once a week.....	10	{210}
		}
Every week.....	24	
Once or twice a month.....	16	
A few times a year.....	32	
Never.....	15	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

F8. How would you describe the area in which you live--a large city, a medium to small city, a suburb near a city, a small town that is not near a city, or a rural or country area?

Large city.....	2	{212}
	2	
Medium to small city.....	2	
	4	
Suburb near a city.....	2	
	1	
Small town that is not near a city...	1	
	6	
Rural or country area.....	1	
	5	
Not sure.....	2	

F9. Are you, or is any member of your household, a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	1	{213}
	0	
Labor union household.....	8	
Nonunion household.....	7	
	9	
Not sure.....	3	

- F10. For each of the following descriptions I read, please tell me if this applies to you personally. First, **(READ ITEM)** -- does that apply to you or doesn't it? **(REPEAT FOR REMAINING ITEMS.)**

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
A strong environmentalist.....	54	42	4	[138]
A person who was raised in a Democratic household	48	47	5	[139]
A supporter of Conservative Christian political organizations, such as the Christian Coalition.....	17	77	6	[140]
Someone in your family has received federally guaranteed college loans.....	31	65	4	[141]
A veteran of the U.S. armed forces.....	30	68	2	[142]
A National Rifle Association supporter.....	24	73	3	[143]
A supporter of the women's movement.....	42	52	6	[144]
Have children under age 18 living in your household.....	36	62	2	[145]
A regular listener to political call-in shows on the radio....	31	66	3	[146]

- F11. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

White.....	79	{214}
Black.....	11	
Hispanic.....	5	
Asian.....	2	
Other.....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F12. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	8	{216}
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	1	
	2	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	1	
	7	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	1	
	5	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	1	
	2	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	1	
	4	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	7	
More than \$100,000.....	6	
Not sure/refused.....	9	

- F13. This survey is being conducted as part of continuing coverage of national issues by NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. A few reporters assigned to this story will be calling back a selected number of participants to get additional insights. Would you have any objection to being contacted?

Do not object.....	8	{217}
	1	
Object--do not call.....	1	
	9	